g4th. (To Caroline Murat, Queen of Naples.) The King left the army on the 16th. Your husband is very brave on the battlefield, but weaker than a woman or a monk when out of sight of the enemy. He has no moral courage. He has been frightened; he has never for one moment been in danger of losing what he can only hold from me and with me. Show him the absurdity of his conduct. I can still forgive him the harm he has done me.[1]

29th. I have a superb corps of 20,000 marines on the march, in which not one soldier has less than a year's service.

In the coming campaign I shall sweep the enemy back beyond the Niemen.

February 8th. (To Marshal Kellermann.) I approve the steps you have taken for putting down the insurrection in the Grand Duchy of Berg.

10th. (To Maret, Duke of Bassano.) Write to M. de Saint Marsan that the levying of troops now proceeding in Prussia gives us just cause for uneasiness, and that I desire that all should remain quiet.

(To Prince Eugene.) Make the Prussians stop recruiting.

14th. Gentlemen, deputies of the departments to the Legislative Body: The war rekindled in northern Europe proved a favourable opportunity for the English to act in the Peninsula. They have made great efforts; but all their hopes have been deceived. I penetrated into Russia. The French arms were constantly victorious, in the battles of Ostrovno, of Polotsk, of Mohilef, of Smolensk, of the

[1] **For the date of thta and several other letters, see Johnston, JVa* *poUonie *Empire,* rol. II, p. 140.**